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TAGS: PGOV PINT GH

SUB: ACHEAMPONG REFUSES TITLE OF PRESIDENT

REF: ACCRA 1490

1. ACCRA GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRESS MARCH 15 CARRIED STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL AND HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR POPULAR DEMAND THAT HE BECOME PRESIDENT, BUT STATING HE UNABLE TO AGREE TO CHANGE OF TITLE AT THIS STAGE OF THE REVOLUTION IN GHANA.

2. PRESENT REPORTS INDICATE MEETING OF ARMED FORCES ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MARCH 13 OPPOSED ASSUMPTION OF NEW TITLE BY ACHEAMPONG AND AGREED ADVISE HIM TO PUT AN END TO PUBLICITY EMBARRASSING TO MILITARY AND NRC GOVERNMENT.

3. UNCLEAR AS YET WHETHER ARMED FORCES ADVISORY COUNCIL ACTION INDICATES GENERAL REACTION WITHIN MIPTARY OR REFLECTS OPPOSITION TO TITLE CHANGE WITHIN MILITARY MEMBERSHIP OF NRC ITSELF. HOWEVER, IS IS CLEAR THAT ENOUGH OF ACHEAMPONG'S MILITARY COLLEAGUES WERE NOT READY TO SEE "PRIMUS INTER PARES" BECOME SOLE "PRIMUS" MTO DISSUADE HIM FROM MAKING THE CHANGE AT  
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